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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE BETWEEN SECRETARY AND UN SYG ON 10

MILLION DOLLAR US DONATION TO UNEF

1. TEXTS FOLLOW IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN SECRETARY AND SECRETARY GENERAL REGARDING US DECISION TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO UNEF 10 MILLION DOLLARS IN GOODS AND SERVICES ON NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS. SECRETARY'S LETTER WAS, ON DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, COVERED BY LETTER FROM AMB SHERER ASKING THAT LETTER REMAIN PRIVATE PENDING COMPLETION OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. ORIGINAL OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S LETTER HAS BEEN POUCHED TO S/S.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S LETTER

QUOTE

DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:

I HAVE THE HONOR OF INFORMING YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, PENDING COMPLETION OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, HAS DECIDED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE TEN MILLION DOLLARS IN GOODS AND SERVICES ON A NON-

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REIMBURSABLE BASIS.

IN THUS RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO YOUR REQUEST TO MEMBER NATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY SUPPORT FOR UNEF, MY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN AWARE OF THE INVALUABLE ROLE THAT UNEF PLAYS IN MAINTAINING THE ATMOSPHERE OF CALM AND CONFIDENCE IN WHICH FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS CAN PROCEED. WE WERE ALSO AWARE OF UNEF'S GREATER NEEDS AS IT HAS ASSUMED MORE RESPONSIBILITIES IN A LARGER GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN FULFILLING THE PROVISIONS OF THE SINAI II AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 4 BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. THE EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED IS MAINLY COMPOSED OF PREFABRICATED HOUSING, JEEPS, TRUCKS, AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN SINAI. THE SUPPLY OF MATERIAL, BOTH NON-REIMBURSABLE AND REIMBURSABLE, FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS PROCEEDED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MEET THESE NEW REQUIREMENTS OF UNEF. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THROUGH THESE EFFORTS AND THE EFFORTS OF YOU AND YOUR STAFF, UNEF HAS MET ITS FEBRUARY DEADLINES AS CALLED FOR IN THE SINAI II AGREEMENT. FURTHER PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS MAY PROCEED IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT FORMER AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAINED. FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS THROUGH YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE STAFF TO FULFILLING THESE AGREEMENTS MY GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY GENERAL TO SECRETARY: QUOTE
DEAR MR. SECRETARY,
I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 3 MARCH IN WHICH YOU INFORM ME OF THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE \$10 MILLION IN GOODS AND SERVICES ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS. AS YOU CERTAINLY KNOW, THIS MOST GENEROUS ACTION WILL GREATLY FACILITATE UNEF IN THE CURRENT YEAR AND WILL ALSO ASSIST IT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSUMING ITS ADDITIONAL TASKS UNDER THE SECOND SINAI AGREEMENT.

MAY I ALSO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND REMARKS ABOUT THE EFFORTS OF UNEF TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT. I SHALL MOST CERTAINLY PASS ON YOUR WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THOSE CONCERNED BOTH HERE AND IN THE FIELD. WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

YOURS SINCERELY,
KURT WALDHEIM
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